outstanding dues was recently discussed with the representatives of some of the major defaulting Jute Mills and it was decided *inter alia* that:—

(i) The Jute Mills will be regular in payment of current dues from the month of July, 1986, onwards;

(ii) A deduction of 8 per cent will be made from the amount payable to jute mills on all purchase orders on Government accout and the amount so realised will be adjusted against outstanding dues for the period prior to July, 1986.

Criticism by various Employees' Organisations of the Fourth Central Pay Commission Report

336. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of organisations of the Central Government employees have criticised the Fourth Pay Commission Report; and

(b) whether Government propose to take these criticisms into consideration while determining its attitude towards this Report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) An Empowered Committee of Secretaries with Finance Secretary as Chairman has been constituted to consider and process the recommendations of the Pay Commission. Besides, an Implementation Cell headed by an Additional Secretary has been set up in the Ministry of Finance to examine and process the recommendations of the Pay Commission. A Cell has also been set-up in the Department of Personnel and Training for the same purpose.

The Empowered Committee/Implementation Cell will, no doubt, consider the submissions made by the representatives of the Staff Side in the National Council of J. C. M.

337. (Transferred to the 24th July, 1986).

Export of cotton

338. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total export of cotton during the current year in terms of quantity and value;

(b) what is the estimated production of cotton in the current year; carry forward stocks of last year; estimated consumption in the country and expected carry forward for the next year;

(c) how much cotton has been exported from Gujarat so far during the current year; what is the current stock position and expected disposal;

(d) whether it is a fact that fairly good crop of cotton in the current year has brought down the prices of cotton causing hardships to the farmers; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) whether his Ministry has worked out its policy in advance for the coming crop to enthuse farmers for sustaining higher level of production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) The total registration, shipment and value of exports of long staple and Bangal deshi cotton during the current cotton year beginning from 1st September, 1985 till 11th July, 1986 are given below:—